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June 13**

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FAC Spotlight:

Kentucky Ranks 2nd in Recovering Delinquent Debt

Revenue Participates in Federal Reciprocal Program, Collects More Than \$5 MM

The Dept. of Revenue is one of seven states that participates in the State Reciprocal Program (SRP), which allows the state to collect delinquent debt through the interception of federal payments, a process known as "offset."

This means Kentucky may refer any valid, legally enforceable delinquent debt (other than a debt owed by the United States) to the federal government's Treasury Offset Program (TOP), including debts owed to local governments and debts owed to state universities.

Fiscal Service is a relatively new bureau within the United States Department of the Treasury (Treasury).

State Reciprocal Program Collections

| STATE NAME | OFFSET COUNT | NET COLLECTION AMOUNT |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| District of Columbia | 2,532 | \$2,624,874.71 |
| Kentucky | 2,937 | \$5,310,801.11 |
| Maryland | 2,098 | \$4,740,445.03 |
| Minnesota | 575 | \$3,561,328.98 |
| New Jersey | 1,621 | \$1,912,547.73 |
| New York | 2,437 | \$6,883,336.62 |
| West Virginia | 423 | \$370,971.58 |
| Wisconsin | 590 | \$889,247.19 |
| Total | 13,213 | \$26,293,552.95 |

Through TOP, the federal government agrees to offset its payments to satisfy delinquent debts owed to states, and in return asks that the states offset their identified payments to satisfy delinquent debts owed to federal agencies.

For example, if someone owes back taxes or is not paying their student loan, then Kentucky can let the federal government know this. If this person files their federal income taxes and is slated to get a refund, that money will now go to the Kentucky Dept. of Revenue.

During the first half of FY 2014, the seven states currently participating in SRP (Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, West Virginia), along with the District of Columbia, have recovered \$26.3 million.

New York has achieved the most recovered funds through SRP in this fiscal year with total collections of \$6.9 million. Kentucky is second with \$5.3 million recovered during the same time.

Once School's Out Head to Newly Reopened Kentucky Kingdom

With final stages of a \$44 million renovation nearly complete, Kentucky Kingdom amusement park in Louisville has reopened just in time for summer.

The park offers 20 new rides and attractions among a total of more than 50. Its award-winning Hurricane Bay waterpark will be open seven days a week from now through Aug. 13. Kentucky Kingdom remains open during the Kentucky State Fair (Aug. 14-24) and then celebrates Labor Day weekend and continues operating weekends through the end of September. For updates on operating hours visit www.kentuckykingdom.com or call 502-813-8200.



Kentucky Exposition Center is Lightning Run, a steel roller coaster that was recently featured on CNN. Lightning Run, one of three coasters at the park, is recognized for its signature 100-foot drop at a nearly perpendicular angle. "It's fast, it's exhilarating," said John Mulcahy, the park's communications and marketing director.

Hurricane Bay has doubled in size, adding 10 new water attractions including a family lagoon wave pool, a triple slide tower complex, a family raft ride, an interactive play area for toddlers, as well as the region's first adventure river and a triple-bump slide. The new Deep Water Dive is North America's tallest body slide at more than 12 stories tall.

Among new rides at the 63-acre theme park adjacent to the

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Management of this Kentucky attraction, which closed in 2009, projects attendance will return to more than 1 million visitors within three years as the park adds even more rides, including three more coasters. 2015 plans include the reopening of a renovated 5,000 seat amphitheater for special events and concerts.



More than 60 food stands and restaurants will serve barbecue, pizza and other dishes, with catering available for groups ranging from 50 to 7,500 diners per serving, Mulcahy said.

General admission at the gate costs \$44.95, with a \$34.95 discounted rate for children, seniors and military. Season passes are available online for \$99.95 or at Kroger stores for \$69.95.

For more information, call 502-813-8200 or visit www.kentuckykingdom.com.

E-Scrap is Back June 13

Now's the time to get rid of your old, unwanted personal electronics in for recycling. The **Drop Off Site** will be in the rear parking lot of the CHFS building (off of MLK Blvd.).

Volunteers are needed for each shift. If you are interested in helping, please notify Pamela Trautner, at 564-4240 or Pamela.trautner@ky.gov. You must receive prior approval from your immediate supervisor and document such.

Drop Off Times

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. (tire pressure check available)
11:30 am. – 1:30 p.m. (tire pressure check available)
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

TIRE Pressure Checkpoint: In keeping with the green theme of the day, you can also take advantage of having your vehicle's tire pressure checked. Optimal pressure not only makes for a smoother ride, it also helps save on fuel.



- ✓ **Drop off e-scrap.**
- ✓ **Get tires checked.**
- ✓ **Tire pressure check offered even if you don't have items for recycling.**

News from the Kentucky River Authority

This year's **Kentucky River Sweep is June 21** in 20 counties in the Kentucky River Basin.

Individuals interested in volunteering to help in cleanup activities and for a list of River Sweep counties, visit www.kra.ky.gov.



Kentucky River Lock Schedule

Kentucky River Locks #3 (Monterey) and #4 (Frankfort) will be operated from May 23 to Oct. 26, according to the following schedule:

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
10 AM to 7:30 PM

Additional Holiday Lockage Hours
Monday, May 26 10 AM to 7:30 PM
Monday, July 7 10 AM to 7:30 PM
Monday, Sept. 1 10 AM to 7:30 PM

Beginning Sept. 5 locking hours Friday- Sunday will move back 30 minutes from 9:30 AM to 7 PM.

Lock schedule subject to change, to confirm Lock operation status, please visit KRA's website or contact the Kentucky River Authority at:

KENTUCKY RIVER AUTHORITY
627 Wilkinson Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-2866

<http://finance.ky.gov/ourcabinet/attachedagencies/kra.htm>

Kentucky River Locks 1, 2, and 5 through 14 are closed until further notice.

2014 Earth Day Celebration

Rescheduled to June 12, 11 am to 1 pm



Exhibitors on the lawn of the Old State Capitol will have booths to educate state employees and the public about how to become better environmental stewards. With prior supervisory approval, employees may be permitted up to two hours to attend this event. Contact HR, 564-7233, with questions.